

The City School District of Albany proposes a *progressive* approach to the three-year Learning Technology project. The goals of this project are:

- **Increase students' 21st century skills *in order to...***
- **Build school and student readiness for computer-based testing *thereby...***
- **Improving overall academic behavior and achievement.**

The proposed project begins with equipping Myers Middle School (designated SINI - Comprehensive) with the necessary instructional technology tools to provide students in Grades 7 & 8 with proper access to and instruction in learning technology; this will prepare them for the transition to Albany High School (designated PLA), where instructional technology is standard. As an identified PLA school, Albany High School has undergone major restructuring which allowed for the purchase, installation, and expanded use of instructional technology throughout the school. In order for Myers students to be able to participate and compete in the high school, they must have increased opportunities with learning technology to complement the expanded Student-Centered Active Learning Environment (SCALE) project that that has already occurred in the high school.

A strong professional development program will begin concurrently in order to ensure that all teachers have the requisite knowledge to provide students with a quality education aligned with the NYS Common Core Learning Standards (CCLS). ELA and Math teachers at both Myers Middle School (grades 7 & 8) and Albany High School (grade 9) will participate in a comprehensive professional development program in order to provide students with a technologically integrated education that will impact them for the rest of their lives. With added equipment and increased access and use of technology in the teaching and learning process, technology will become an embedded part of the Myers Middle School culture and Myers will have the readiness and capacity for the 2012-2013 implementation of the Northwest Evaluation Association Measures of Academic Progress (NWEA-MAP) computer-based testing (CBT) in ELA and Math.